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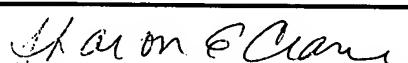
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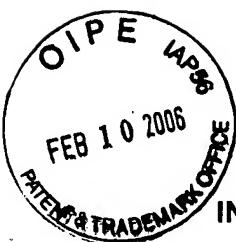
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For: POLYNUCLEIC ACIDS ISOLATED)
FROM A PORCINE)
REPRODUCTIVE AND)
RESPIRATORY SYNDROME)
VIRUS (PRRSV) PROTEINS)
ENCODED BY THE POLYNUCLEIC)
ACIDS, VACCINES BASED ON)
THE PROTEINS AND/OR)
POLYNUCLEIC ACIDS)

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REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 41.202**

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Sir:

By this submission, Applicants respectfully request that an interference be declared between the present application ("the '779 Application") and U.S. Patent No. 6,110,468 issued to Collins *et al.* ("the '468 Patent").

To facilitate the Examiner's consideration of this Request, the information required by 37 C.F.R. § 41.202(a) is set forth below, in headings that correspond to the subsections thereof. Additional information satisfying the requirements 37 C.F.R. § 41.202(a) is set forth in the Appendices attached hereto.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that an interference be declared between the '779 Application and the '468 Patent.